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BY GENERAL SPINOLA. THUS, ANY MOVE TOWARD COMMONWEALTH STATUSE WILL HAVE TO TAKE PLACE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME AND BE COUPLED WITH A PROGRAM OF POLITICAL TUTELAGE OF PRO-PORTUGUESE ELEMENTS OF THE LOCAL POPULATIONS, BUTTRESSED BY CONTINUED MILITARY SUPPORT UNTIL THE TERRITORIES ARE CAPABLE OF ASSUMING RESPONSTBILITY FOR THEIR OWN DEFENSE.

SUPPORT FOR SPINOLA'S VIEWS IS STRONG IN THE TERRIBOTORIES.

PARTICULARLY AMONG JUNIOR AND FIELD GRADE OFFICERS. THIS SUPPORT HAS BEEN HELD IN CHECK SO FAR. HOWEVER, BY STRONG CONSERVATIVE FEELING AMONG SENIOR ELEMENTS OF THE MILITARY. CIVILIAN, A'D SECURITY STRUCTURES. BUT COULD SPREAD. IF THE NEW GOVERNMENT CAN SHOW THAT A PULL-BACK FROM AFRICA WILL NOT TARNISH THE ARMY'S IMAGE. PUBLIC OPINION PROBABLY WOULD FAVOR INCREASED AUTOHOMY BUT NOT AT THE RISK OF A PORTUGUESE MILITARY WITHDRAWAL.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, LONG SUPPICIOUS

BOF PORTUGAL'S STAYING POWER IN AFRICA, NOW WILL PROBABLY DECIDE

THAT THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO EXPAND THEIR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT IN PARTICULAR HOLDS THE VIEW THAT THE

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